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SUBJ: NORTH YEMEN REPRESENTATION AT UN; REORGANIZATION OF FOREIGN MINISTRY

1. YARG'S NEW FOREIGN MINISTER ABDULLAH AL-ASNAG, INFORMED AMBASSADOR MARCH 20 THAT YEMEN'S AMBASSADOR IN LONDON, MUHSIN AL-AYNI, HAD DECLINED OFFER OF JOINT POSITION AS YEMENI PERMREP AND AMBASSADOR IN WASHINGTON. MOST LIKELY CHOICE FOR NEW YORK THEREFORE REMAINS PRESENT AMBASSADOR TO BONN, AHMAD BARAKAT.

2. ASNAG INTENDS TO CARRY OUT A THOROUGH AND LONG OVERDUE OVERHAUL OF FOREIGN MINISTRY. AS A FIRST STEP, HE HAS OBTAINED PRESIDENT'S PERMISSION TRANSFER BOTH UNDER SECRETARIES, ALI AL-KHODR AND GHALIB ALI JAMIL. THIS IS GOOD NEWS. AS DEPT WILL RECALL AL-KHODR WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR DISTRIBUTION VENEMOUS CIRCULAR ATTACKING PEACE CORPS AND USAID PRESENCE IN YEMEN. WHILE JAMIL HAS ALWAYS MAINTAINED PLEASANT FACADE IN HIS RELATIONS WITH US AND IS GRADUATE OF A US UNIVERSITY, WE HAVE LONG SUSPECTED THAT HE RECEIVES INCOME SUPPLEMENT FROM SOVIET EMBASSY.

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